# THE TRUE NARRATIVE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE ASSIZES

Holden at

## Kingſtone-upon-Thames,

FOR THE

# County of Surry.

**Which began on *Monday* the 7th of this Inſtant *March*, and ended on *Thurſday* the 10th following.**

12 March. 168⅞

Giving an Account of moſt of the Remarkable Trials there, *viz.* For Murder, Felonies and Burglaries, *&c.* with a particular Relation of their Names, and the places of their committing their Facts, with the Number of thoſe Condemned to die, Burn'd in the Hand, Tranſported and to be Whipt.

But more particular of the Trial and Condemnation of *Margaret Oſgood* of the Pariſh of *St. Olives Southwark*, for the horrid Murther of her Husband, on the 21th of *July* laſt, for which horrid Fact ſhe was found Guilty of Treaſon and Murther.

THe Firſt we ſhall here give you an Account of, is the aforementioned *Margaret Oſgood*, for the horrid and bloody Murther of her Husband, commited in St *Olives* Pariſh in the Burrough of *Southwark* the 21th of

*July* last. The defence she made was thus, That by his extravagancy he had brought her to Distraction, and so desperate she was under that sence, that she had several times attempted her own end by violence, and was not capable of her actions when she did commit that horrid Murther on him; but her confession and the Evidence against her contradicting that Apology she was brought in Guilty of Treason and Murther.

The next was one *John Asblock*, for stealing a Watch and three pieces of Gold, a Meddal and other things from his Master who lives at *Stoake* near *Guilford*, and by a favourable prosecution found not guilty.

The next were *Abraham Priverly* and *Robert Mason*, who were found Guilty of Petty Larceny only.

After those one *Robert Hood* was Arraigned for the Felloniously taking away of some pieces of Ribband out of the Shop of one Mr. *Wallis* in *Southwark*, in *October* last, of which he was Convicted, the said goods being valued at 15*l*.

Then *Richard Wilson* took his Trial for a Burglary, he was committed in *February* last, three Witnesses were positive that the 3d of *February* last, he had broke into the House of one *Turner* in *Bandy-legg-walk* in the Park in *Southwark*, and carried thereout several suits of Apparel which were found upon him for which he stands Convicted.

Four or Five former Convicted Criminals were brought to the Bar, and produced the Kings Pardon for all former Crimes.

The next was *Edw. Bowmar*, charged for the killing one *Collins* in *Rent-street January* last, The Evidence against the Prisoner was, that a Quarrel happening betwixt him and the party deceased, the Prisoner took up Stones and Coles, which he did throw at the party deceased, one of which having hit him on the Head, did mortally wound him and was the occasion of his Death; the Prisoner did not deny the fact, and was brought in guilty of Chance-medley.

*James Steward*, and *Ann James*, were Arraigned for a Fellony, The proof against them was, that on the 21th of *August* last, one *Andrew Brittle* living in *Bermondsey*,

ſey, leaving his Dore faſt locked when he went out, did in ſhort time return, and found the ſame open and ſeveral Clothes to the vallue of 20 ſhillings and five ſhillings in money ſtollen thereout, and making enquiry of the Neighbours, the Priſoners were deſcribed to him, and upon purſuit about nine days after did apprehend them, and found ſome of the Goods that were ſtolen upon them. Their defence was, that they being Waſher women, the Linnen he Challenged, was brought them to be waſhed, but failing, in produceing the Parties that brought it, they were found Guilty.

The next were the ſaid *Ann James*, *Jane Steward*, together with one *Edward Turner*, who on the firſt of *September* laſt, were charged upon ſuſpicion to have broke into the dwelling Houſe of one *Thomas Stainton* in *Barnaby*-Street, and ſtealing thence ſeveral wearing Apparel, and Linnen to a conſiderable vallue. The proof was thus, that the ſame day the ſaid *Edward Turner* had broke into the Houſe of one *John Moulſworth*, for which he was alſo Indicted, and Convicted, The Evidence being, that he was Actually taken in the Fact, he for his defence only offerred, that he had money due to him from one *John Simons* that lived there, and that this *Simons* told him, he then ſhould have it, if he would go with him home and ſtay there, till he had carried ſome Goods to the Pawn-brokers, to raiſe monies on, and going with him accordingly, the ſaid *Simons* left him in that Houſe where he was apprehended, but this being but only a pretence, and one ſilver Cup, of 30 ſhillings vallue, one Amber Necklace, and other things belonging to the ſaid *Moulſworth*, were found upon him, as alſo ſeveral Picklock-Keys, who with one of them, did open the Door of that houſe after locked and upon Evidence that all three were ſeen together at the ſaid *Staintons* Houſe, they were all Convicted for the former, and *Turner* alone for the latter Fellony.

*William Trickler* a *Whelewright*, ſurrendred himſelf to Juſtice, and took his Trial for the ſuſpected Murther of his Wife. The Evidence againſt the Priſoner was, that on the ninth day of *September* laſt, he being in drink, was heard to quarrel with her, and alſo aſſaulted her with a Spade, in ſo violent a manner, that ſome of the blowes were heard to a Neighbours houſe near to them, of which bruiſe in two days

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time ſhe died, yet the Coroner endeavouring to ſtifle the matter, attributed her death rather to her infirmneſs (being of a weak Conſtitution) than her Husbands ſtroaks, although the contrary appeared very fully by thoſe who ſaw them, for which return the Choroner was fined ten pound, the Priſoner made ſmall defence for himſelf, yet meeting with a merciful Jury, he was brought in Guilty of Manſlaughter only.

*William Ablo*, who had been formerly in *Newgate*, *Abel Hammerſly*, *Alice* his Wife, and *Thomas Savioury*, were Arraigned for a Robbery committed on the 25th of *November laſt*, the proof was abſolute, that the ſaid *Abbot*, *Abel Hammerſly*, *Thomas Savioury*, did Rob a Waggon on the day beforementioned, and carried away ſeveral parcels of Silk, to the vallue of 100 pounds, for which they were Convicted, they not being able to offer any thing material for their Defence, only *Abbot* refuſed to plead, produceing the Kings pardon for all offences and therefore prayed the Judg would not take away his Life ſince the King had ſaved him, but the Judg told him, the King knew not of this Crime, therefore if he would not plead, he ſhould be preſs'd to death, whereupon the Statute being read, he then pleaded not Guilty.

*Jo. Price* was Arraigned for breaking into the Houſe of one *Thomas Rowland*, and ſtealing thence, a Campaign-Coat and other things to the vallue of 30 ſhillings, the Evidence was very full, and his defence little, the Goods being found upon him, yet brought in Guilty to the vallue of ten pence.

*Michael Dixon* a Vintner in *Greenwich*, and one *Henry Pits*, were both Indicted upon ſuſpicion of a Robbery, the Evidence was thus, that one *Thomas Alderſey* on the 28 of *June* laſt, was Robbed between *Greenwitch* and *Kent-ſtreet*, of a Watch, Ring, Sword, and about 13. ſhillings in money, and other things of a conſiderable vallue, by one *Fowler*, ſince deceaſed, and that ſoon after, this Robbery, the ſaid *Dixon* and *Pits* were ſeen in *Fowlers* Company, *Dixon* uſing ſeveral Compliments to him, as if of great Acquaintance; the ſaid *Dixon* for defence ſaid, that *Fowler* was his Acquaintance, and lodged often at his Houſe, but never knew of any wrong he had done to any one perſon, alſo affirmed, that after this Robbery the ſaid *Alderſey* had, or might have often ſeen *Fowler* and have apprehended him if he would, and alſo produced ſeveral Neighbours to ſatisfy the Judg and Jury, of his Converſation and honeſt demeanour, and thereupon were both acquitted.

*William Wyer* and *John Bradſhaw* were Arraigned for a Felony, the proof was, that they in *September* laſt, did break into the dwelling houſe of one *William Tanner*, in the day time, and ſtealing thence ſeveral parcels of Woollen-cloth, which they diſpoſed of, and afterwards were apprehended, and it being now proved againſt them, they were both found Guilty of the Fellony.

There were in all eleven perſons received Sentance of Death. *Margaret Ofgood* ſentenſed, to be burn'd alive. *Richard Wilſon*, *Ann James*, *Jane Steward*, *Edward Turner*, *William Wyer*, *John Bradſhaw*, *William Abbot*, *Abel Hamerſly*, *Thomas Savioury*, and one *Mary Trot* formerly Reprieved, condemned to be hang'd.

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